

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
OFFICE OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL



Budget & Finance Committee
Agenda

Committee Members:

*Dennis Gallagher, Chair
At-Large Councilor*

*Tim Fitzgibbons, Member
District 2 Councilor*

*Shawn George, Member
District 3 Councilor*

Location: Academy Building
66 Central Square
Finance Department Conference Room
Bridgewater, MA

**Date &
Time:** March 10, 2020
6:45 p.m.
Agenda

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes:
 - January 21, 2020
 - February 4, 2020
 - February 25, 2020
- C. Legislation Referred:
 - Order O-FY19-057: Directing the Town Manager to Create a Special Reserve Fund
 - Order O-FY20-047: CPC Transfer - Legion Field Fencing
 - Ordinance D-FY20-008: General Ordinance - Rescind Ordinance D-2012-004 Administration & Fiduciary Oversight of Budget - Ambulance Receipts
- D. Public Comment
- E. Adjourn



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Council Order: O-FY19-057

Introduced By: Councilor Fitzgibbons
Date Introduced: May 7, 2019
First Reading: May 7, 2019
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY19-057

DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO CREATE A SPECIAL RESERVE FUND

WHEREAS, the Academy Building is a recently renovated building and a great asset to the Town.

WHEREAS, ongoing maintenance is essential to the preservation and long-term upkeep of the building.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to direct the Town Manager to establish a separate reserve fund for said maintenance on the Academy Building.

Explanation:

The town should always have an identified source of funds for expensive and ongoing large maintenance projects.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Council Order: O-FY20-047

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: February 25, 2020
 First Reading: February 25, 2020
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY20-047

CPC TRANSFER - LEGION FIELD FENCING

WHEREAS: A proposal to install new backstop and dugout fencing and replace additional fencing that has become a safety hazard at the Hayes & Lazaro field located at the Legion Field Complex has been submitted and recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

ORDERED, pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council vote to appropriate as required by Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 44B, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$27,500.00 from the Community Preservation Fund (Undesignated Fund Balance) to the General Capital Fund to Account #: 10630220-584000 CPC Legion Field Fencing; and that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary or relative thereto to complete this project.

Explanation: The Bridgewater Parks and Recreation Commission applied to CPC for funding the fencing for the recently rebuilt new dugouts. Both the Master Plan and Open Space Plan state the need to rehabilitate aging municipal outdoor municipal recreation facilities. The Parks and Recreation Department continues to work closely with Bridgewater Little League and other organizations to make the overall cost as little as possible to the Town in their continuous improvements to this Legion Field Sports Complex. This project is on the Capital Plan, but due to the urgency to complete the fencing before 4/1/2020, and that the practices and upcoming season can begin with no safety concerns, this order is brought forth.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Council Ordinance: D-FY20-008

Introduced By: Councilor Timothy Fitzgibbons
Date Introduced: February 4, 2020
First Reading: February 4, 2020
Second Reading: February 25, 2020
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY20-008

GENERAL ORDINANCE - RESCIND ORDINANCE D-2012-004 ADMINISTRATION & FIDUCIARY OVERSIGHT OF BUDGET - AMBULANCE RECEIPTS

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of Section 2-6 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter relative to amendments to the Administrative Code, it is therefore;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to rescind General Ordinance D-2012-004, Administration and Fiduciary Oversight of Budget – Ambulance Receipts.

Explanation: When Ordinance D-2012-004 was adopted by the Council it attempted to create an “ambulance reserve” out of which money could be transferred to the General Fund to offset the expenses of running an ambulance service, and it generally limited that amount to \$1 million. Unfortunately, the Town’s Auditors have suggested that the fund was not created properly. Now, with proper budgeting practices and annual budget resolutions which better reflect and understand the nature of the ambulance business, the ordinance is not necessary. Consistently the Council has voted to override the Ordinance’s restrictions, and the Budget and Finance Committee has consistently recommended to the Finance Director and the Town Manager that the Ordinance should be rescinded.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finance Committee• Budget & Finance Committee• This measure may not be finally voted this evening as it requires advertising pending dispositions from Budget & Finance and Finance Committees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2/24/20:• 2/25/20: